GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1266
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SMUGGLING OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has come to the notice that drugs smuggling cases are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to control the same and arrest the people involved therein;

(d) whether in most of the cases foreign nationals are involved therein; and

(e) if so, the number of foreign nationals arrested with the present status of their cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): The number of cases and quantity of seizures of the major drugs reported by various drug law enforcement agencies during the last three years are as under:-

(Qty. in Kgs.) Drug		2004	2005	2006
Opium	Qty.	2237	2009	2826
	Cases	775	997	1172
Heroin	Qty.	1162	981	1182
	Cases	4089	4921	5666
Ganja	Qty.	144055	153660	157710
	Cases	3840	9580	8671
Hashish	Qty.	4599	3965	3852
	Cases	1780	1818	2259

(c): The Government has taken a number of steps to check, detect and prevent illicit trafficking in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. These are given in the Annexure. The persons arrested are tried as per the provisions of NDPS Act, 1985.

(d) & (e): As per available information, the number of foreign nationals arrested in connection with the drug related offences during the last three years is as under:-

	2004	2005	2006
No. of foreign nationals arrested	179	173	232

Since trial of the accused persons is with the various law enforcement agencies, the present status of the cases against foreign nationals is not available with the Narcotics Control Bureau.

Annexure

ANNEXURE TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1266 FOR 21.8.2007.

(i) Strict surveillance and enforcement at import and export points, land borders, airports, foreign post offices etc.

(ii) Intensive preventive and interdiction efforts along known drug routes.
(iii) Improved coordination between the various drug law enforcement agencies in order to impart greater cohesion to interdiction.
(iv) Strengthening of international liaison to improve the collection, analysis and dissemination of operational intelligence.
(v) Increased international cooperation for exchange of information and investigative assistance in administering control over the movement of precursor chemicals.
(vi) Building of an electronic data base of offenders.
(vii) Conducting training programmes for law enforcement officials for upgrading their skills to combat drug trafficking.
(viii) Implementing a scheme of monetary rewards for information leading to seizures of Narcotics drugs to informants and officers.
(ix) Financial assistance is provided to eligible States for strengthening their narcotic units.